

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A tamper having a foldable or pivotal handle assembly for substantially reducing the area occupied by the tamper during transportation, display, and storage of the tamper is provided. The invention particularly pertains to a tamper tool assembly that includes a pivoting handle configured to pivot between various orientations relative to a tamping base. The tamper tool assembly includes an elongated handle assembly having a collar attached to a distal end, a tamping base having an upper surface and a lower surface, and a housing member disposed on the upper surface of the tamping base, wherein the housing member comprises a plurality of clamping surfaces and a joint configured to pivotally receive the elongated handle.